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<u>Amendments t the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) A transducer-supporting structure, characterized in that said structure at least comprises comprising:
 - a transducer for recording and reproducing information on to and from a medium;
- a transducer mounting section which is mounted with said transducer and comes into configured to contact with said medium by means of mechanical action or keeps to maintain a fixed distance from said medium;
- a suspension which supports said transducer mounting section and elastically positions said transducer in the a direction such as to bring and separate move said transducer close to and from said medium; and
 - a thermal coupling member <u>extending between said transducer and said transducer</u> <u>mounting section</u> for thermally coupling said transducer with said suspension, and
 - said thermal coupling member is being a gel-form substance, and said transducer and said suspension are coupled thermally with each other via said gel-form substance; , and
 - at least a part of heat generated in said transducer is dissipated through said suspension.
 - 7. (Currently Amended) A transducer-supporting structure, characterized by at least comprising:
 - a transducer for recording and reproducing information on to and from a medium;
 - a transducer mounting section mounted with said transducer and configured to contact said medium by means of mechanical action or to maintain a fixed distance from said medium;
 - heat dissipating means—is formed integrally with said transducer_and providing connection between said transducer and said transducer mounting section; and
 - a suspension for holding said transducer at a desired position with respect to said recording medium.
 - 8. (Currently Amended) The transducer-supporting structure according to claim 7, characterized in that wherein said transducer is an electromagnetic transducer.
 - 9. (Currently Amended) The transducer-supporting structure according to claim 7, characterized in thatwherein said transducer is an electro-optical transducer.
 - 10. (Canceled)

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- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)